

REMARKS

By the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 9, and 11 are revised, claim 5 is canceled, and new claims 13-18 are added to place this application in immediate condition for allowance.

First, claims 2, 3, and 11 are revised to remove the preferred ranges. These preferred ranges are found in new claims 13-15. With these changes, the objections to claims 2, 3, and 11 are overcome.

Second, claim 9 is revised to correct the problem with a lack of antecedent basis and the objection in this regard is overcome.

Third, a new Figure 1c is added to respond to the drawing objection and allegation that a sheet with filaments is not shown. Submission of this drawing along with the appropriate changes to the specification resolve this issue.

Fourth, claim 5 has been incorporated into claim 1 based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter therein. The language of claim 5 has also been revised as part of its incorporation into claim 1 since this claim also included the "in particular" language, which has now been removed. The further limitation regarding the make up of the sheet and filaments are recited in new claims 16-18. Claim 6 is revised to correct its claim dependency in light of the cancellation of claim 5.

Lastly, claim 8 has been rewritten into independent form, including the limitations of claims 1 and 7.

Since the Office Action indicated that claims 5 and 8 contained allowable subject matter, the presentation of this subject matter in the form of independent

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claims 1 and 8 means that these claims along with the remaining dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to examine this application in light of this Amendment and pass all pending claims onto issuance.

If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful in expediting the allowance of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 202-835-1753.

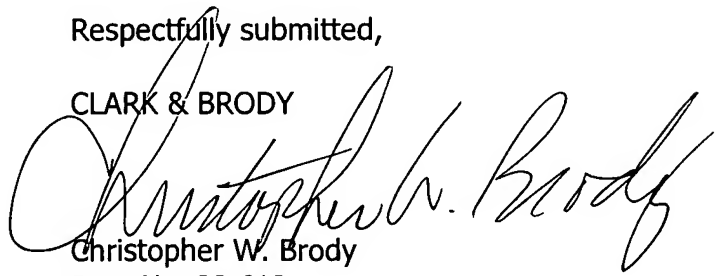
The above constitutes a complete response to all issues raised in the Office Action dated September 25, 2007.

Again, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1088.

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